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SUBJECT: SALVADOREAN INTEREST IN RESEARCH REACTOR

1. MISSION HAS LEARNED INFORMALLY FROM IAEA THAT EL SALVADOR APPARENTLY CONSIDERING OFFER OF UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING TO DONATE L-77-TYPE 10 MW(TH) TRAINING AND RESEARCH REACTOR.

2. AGENCY RECEIVED REQUEST FROM GOES ASKING FOR AGENCY'S ASSISTANCE IN PAYING TRAVEL COSTS TO SEND TWO PROFESSIONALS FROM SCHOOL OF PHARMACY TO UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING TO EXAMINE FACILITY AND DISCUSS MATTER WITH UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS. AGENCY REGRETS IT IS UNABLE PROVIDE THIS TYPE ASSISTANCE AND IS SO ADVISING SALVADOREAN AUTHORITIES.

3. AGENCY IS CONCERNED IN ANY EVENT, HOWEVER, THAT SALVADOREAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED MAY NOT RPT NOT APPRECIATE EXTENT OF RESOURCES (BOTH FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER) REQUIRED TO MAKE REASONABLY EFFECTIVE USE OF RESEARCH REACTOR FACILITY, AND THAT THEY MAY BE MOVING TOO QUICKLY FOR WHAT RESOURCES THEY HAVE OR EXPECT TO HAVE AVAILABLE. AGENCY IS ALSO TACTFULLY POINTING OUT IN ITS RESPONSE TO SALVADOREAN OFFICIALS SOME OF THE REQUIREMENTS INVOLVED IN STARTING A NUCLEAR ENERGY TRAINING

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AND RESEARCH PROGRAM, AND FORWARDING APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS FOR

THEIR STUDY, E.G., PROCEEDINGS OF AGENCY-SPONSORED RESEARCH
REACTOR UTILIZATION STUDY GROUPS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS AEC/DEPT MIGHT HAVE
ON THIS PROPOSED DONATION.UNDERSTAND SALVADOREAN
AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAS ALSO BEEN INVOLVED.ADVISE

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